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SUBJECT: DPRK AND IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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1. IN RECENT CONVERSATION WITH DPRK TRADE COMMISSIONER (PAK RIONG-HO), DESCRIBED AS "CORDIAL" BY PHILIPPINE RESREP SIZZON, SIZZON ALLUDED TO NOTE SENT BY DPRK TO AGENCY AND REQUESTED DPRK NOT RPT NOT TO CHALLENGE PHILIPPINE CANDIDACY FOR BOARD SEAT THIS YEAR SINCE IT WAS TURN OF PHILIPPINES TO OCCUPY FAR EAST SEAT.

2. SIAZON TOLD MISOFF THAT PAK REPLIED THAT HE WOULD QUERY PYONGYANG BUT THAT IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT PURPOSE OF NOTE TO DG WAS SIMPLY TO NOTIFY AGENCY FORMALLY THAT DPRK, AS NEW MEMBER, WISHED TO PARTICIPATE IN ROTATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS OF MEMBERS OF FAR EAST REGIONAL GROUP, NOT RPT NOT ANNOUNCE CANDIDACY OF DPRK THIS YEAR. SIAZON HIMSELF FEELS MATTER HAS BEEN SETTLED TO HIS SATISFACTION FOR THIS YEAR, THOUGH MANNER IN WHICH NEW ROTATIONAL ARRANGEMENT WILL BE WORKED OUT REMAINS TO BE SEEN.

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3. IN THIS CONNECTION, ROK AMBASSADOR (HAN PYO WOOK)
EXPRESSED TO MISOFFS HIS GOVT'S INTENTIONS OF RUNNING
FOR BOARD SEAT AGAIN IN 1977, SUCCEEDING PHILIPPINES,
AND ASKED U.S. SUPPORT. HE WAS PARTICULARLY APPRE-
HENSIVE THAT ROK CANDIDACY AT THAT TIME MIGHT BE
CHALLENGED BY DPRK. MISOFFS REPLIED THAT WHILE THEY
UNDERSTOOD AND SYMPATHIZED WITH ROK MISGIVINGS,
MISSION HAD STANDING INSTRUCTIONS TO SUPPORT CANDIDATE
HAVING SUPPORT OF REGIONAL GROUP.LABOWITZ

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